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The Northern Line Extension has passed a major milestone after test passenger trains successfully completed the journey through the new tunnels from Kennington to Battersea Power Station.

The Northern line passenger trains entered the new 3.2km tunnels at Kennington, travelling through the newly constructed step-plate junction that connects the existing Northern line tunnels to the extension.

It is the first major Tube line extension since the Jubilee line in the late 1990s. The first passengers are expected to be welcomed in autumn.

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The Island Line has shut down for three months of work for its £26 million upgrade.

The article, featuring in the Isle of Wight County Press, says from April new trains will connect Shanklin and Ryde, with replacement buses running in the meantime.

The outgoing Class 483s – that have run on the Island Line since 1989 – are to be replaced by the upgraded, refurbished and converted British Rail Class 484s.

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A major scheme to prepare Ilford depot for the arrival of more of Greater Anglia's new trains is progressing.

To accommodate the train operator's longer new trains, and to facilitate their care and maintenance as more come into service during 2021, the Essex depot – built in the late 1940s – is undergoing a series of modifications and upgrades.

The redevelopment heralds a new era for East Anglia's railways, with better facilities to house and maintain Greater Anglia's new electric commuter trains being built by Bombardier.

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Finally, and ghost trains will be running on Scotland's railways during the night to keep lines clear of snow.

It comes as Scotland faces the coldest January for nine years. According to The Herald, which says lows of -12 are expected – colder than Iceland.

Network Rail has told the paper it is doing everything it can to prevent delays and that it has prepared dozens of empty 'ghost trains' to run at night.

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